

**Cogentrix**

125. SHRI S.D.N.R. WADIYAR : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Cogentrix Energy Inc. has approached the Central Electricity Authority for a revised Power Purchase Agreement;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Central Electricity Authority has received revised tariff hike recommendation from the Karnataka Government;

(d) if so, whether it was acceptable to the Cogentrix; and

(e) if not, the steps proposed to be taken by CEA to settle the issue between Cogentrix and the Karnataka Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) and (b) The draft Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) for the 1000 MW Mangalore Power Project of Mangalore Power Company promoted by Cogentrix Energy Inc., has been sent to the Government of Karnataka for finalisation along with the decisions taken by the Government of India (GOI) on the draft PPA. The PPA is required to be approved by GOI for the issue of a counter guarantee for this project.

(c) Nor, Sir.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

[Translation]

**Renovation of Power Plants by Enron**

126. SHRI ANAND RATNA MAURYA : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether American Multinational Company 'Enron' has sent any proposal regarding renovation of old power plants in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Indian Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) to (c) No proposal has been received by the Government from the American Multinational Company 'Enron' for renovation and modernisation of old power plants in India.

[English]

**Spray of DDT**

127. SHRI SANAT MEHTA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that mosquitoes responsible for spreading dengue and malaria, is increasing;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to re-start spraying of DDT under National Malaria Eradication Programme keeping in view the ineffectiveness of other measures taken by the Government; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY) : (a) The reports received from various entomological zones in the country indicate variable trends in the density of malaria vector. However, the density of Dengue vector was kept under control.

The reasons for spread of the vectors of malaria and dengue can be attributed to:—

- Major demographic changes like uncontrolled urbanisation coupled with excessive population growth;
- Substandard housing and inadequate water and waste disposal system;
- Rapid movement of infected humans and also migration of labour.
- Creation of mosquitogenic conditions through stagnation of water in water containers, coolers, cisterns, unused tyres, flower vases, pots etc.
- Existence of a large number of vacancies & frequent transfer of trained persons;
- Non adherence to the spray schedule for vector control by various States;
- Poor surveillance activities;
- Lack of timely development and implementation of the Action plan for prevention and control of diseases by the State Govts; and
- Resistance of vectors to conventional insecticides and on the parasites to commonly available drugs.